

## REMARKS

### Status of the Claims

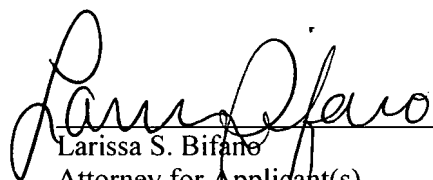
Applicant amends claim 2 and cancels claims 3-29. Applicant amends claim 2 to correct a typographical error. Claim 2, dependant upon claim 1, originally recited a "method." Claim 2 has been amended to recite a "*compound*." Therefore, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, both claims 1 and 2 will be directed toward at least one perfluoro-organic *compound* as a solvent for melanin of keratin-containing fibers. Applicant submits that this amendment adds no new matter.

### Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, drawn to at least one perfluoro-organic *compound* as a solvent for melanin of keratin-containing fibers, for prosecution at this time. Applicant believes that Group 1, subsequent to the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, will include both claims 1 and 2. After amendment, both claims 1 and 2 will be directed toward at least one perfluoro-organic *compound* as a solvent for melanin of keratin-containing fibers. Applicant respectfully requests that claim 2 as amended be rejoined with claim 1 as part of Group 1.

Following entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-2 will be pending for the Examiner's consideration. Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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